# MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOD TIMES

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## STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

President of the student council this year is Eric Pasman , vice president is Drew Zolp, secretary is Kelly Veley, corresponding secretary is Cara Arrans and treasurer is Casey Holzworth.

Newly elected reps are Nick Leathers, Krista Champion, Kristen Adams, Rachel Krefman, Ryan Nelson, Ferris Baker, Caitlin Brown, Nick Culp, Jenny Swintz, Joe Motter, Shawna Mount, Steve Salefske, Melissa Frownfelter, Renee Vesey, John Hopson, Pam Henderson, Will Quantz, Amy Jeschke and Dan Baker.

Alternates are Kris Jutzi, Austin Talbot, Lori Ferarri, Chelsea DeRyke, Dexter Fossitt. Taylor Largent, Allen Carlson, Tim Henson, John Bradford, Loretta Edwards, Sean Salefske, Kelly Sylvester, Matt Wolownik, Brandon Holt, Julie Abnet, Phil Weaver , Srah Zygadlo and Amanda Sumner.

## FOOTBALL SEASON ENDS

Paw Paw Middle School's second year of football winds up this week.

Coached by Mr. Barnhouse, the team includes the following boys: Jason Abbott, Cory Aldrich, Colby Anderson, Matt Bass, Mike Brownell, Alan Carlson, Robbie Coyer, Derek Danca, Tanya Eicholtz, Tyler Fevig, Stephen Fleckenstein, Mike Fry, Andy Goldberg, Tony Gullotti, John Hopson, Tim Johnson, Dan Keister, Josh Kennedy, Casey Cooper, Tony Leduc, Shawn Lietzau, Matt McDaid, Joe Motter, Justin Munn, Josh Pyard, Rich Rennhack, Alan Rhoderick, Tony Rife, David Sparks, Josh Staggs, Bill Stoughton, Brian Stull, Austin Talbot, Tim Taylor, Justin Terpstra, Ryan Turanzas, Tim VanHorn, Cory Wallace, Philip Wiersma, and Joel Yonkman.

## BEWARE of the WITCHES

by julie. baltmanis

Beware of the Witches
For they are in the air
And they are haunting people
Oh no! Look over there!
What are they doing?
Cooking up a brew!
Wow! I can't believe it!
They're turning someone blue.

Potions all over
SCreaming in the night
Watching witches breather
Can even be a fright.
Beware of the Witches
They have 20/15 sight.
So they see you coming
And beat you with all their might.

## 7th gr. Lady REDSKINS

by m.zinkil

On the 7th grade A and B teams are the following. On A are Jessica Mendenhall, Tiffanie Davis,

7th gr. continued
Kelly Veley, Cara Arrans, Cara Garland, Julie Abnet, Andrea Selent, Casey Holzworth, Courtney Kuntz, Caitlin Brown, Jenna Surdy, and Shawna Mount.

On B team are Merry Roberts, KAtie Tapper, Frances Clare, Emily Merz, Lisa Dusseljee, Ivy Coy, Kathy Williams, Megan Adriance, Amanda Sumner, Lindsey Fry-Schallhorn, Emily Peacock and Kate Bogan ( names provided by m. roberts)

**Interview with ANDREA SELENT** by m. zinkil
Matt: I'm talking with Andrea from the A team. How is your team's record this year?
Andrea: We're o.k. We lost 3 games so far, but we're doing o.k.
Matt: Who is your coach and is he a good coach?
A.S. His name is Todd Pavoscey. It's his first year and he's doing pretty good.
M.Z.: Who is your toughest and your weakest opponent?
A.S.: Our toughest opponent would be Milwood and our weakest would be Delton.
M.Z.: Who do you think is the best player?
A.S.: I cna;t judge that right now.
Please visit my PPMS web site for the complete interview
http: www. geocities. com/Athens/Olynpus/1239/
m. zinkil

**INTERVIEW with LINDSEY FRY-SCHALLHORN** by m.z.
Matt: I am talking with Lindsey Fry-Schallhorn from the B team. What is your team's record this year?
Lindsey: It's good . We've only lost 3 games so far this season.
M.Z. Who is your toughest and weakest opponent?
LF : Our weakest opponent would be Delton and our toughest would be Milwood.
MZ: Who is the best player on the team?
LF: I would have to say Merry Roberts or Kathy Williams.

**MEET MRS. VALL** ( in and out of school) by C, C and S.
CCS: How long have you been teaching and what grades?
Mrs.V.: I have been teaching fourteen years starting in 1983.
(She taught fifth grade and k-5 special ed.)
CCS: What was your favorite grade to teach?
Mrs.V.: I liked all grades for different reasons.
CCS: Why do you like to teach?
Mrs. V.: I like to teach because new things happen each day and it's never boring . Kids can be more fun than adults and also I like being there for the kids to talk to.
CCS: Are there any grades you would like to teach?
Mrs.V.: I've taught all grades k-12 ( because of student teaching and subbing.) but it would be fun to teach college.

**VALL INTERVIEW....**

CCS: Where have you lived?
Mrs.V.: I grew up in Portage, lived in Kalamazoo, went to Nazareth College and student taught in Portage and substituted in Parchment.
CCS: What is your favorite subject to teach or to learn?
Mrs. V.: My favorite subjects are reading and social studies.
CCS: Do you have any role models?
Mrs.V.: I admire my parents, my aunt and the counselors from a church youth group I was in.
CCS: Did you have any goals when you were younger?
Mrs. V: I wanted to move to Australia and be a farmer. Then I wanted to be a nurse and then when I finally had to pick a career for college I wanted to be a teacher.
CCS: Do you have any kids?
Mrs. V.: No.
CCS: What are your favorite things to do outside of school?
Mrs. V: I like to travel, mostly to Florida and Texas to visit friends and also to Virginia to see my family.
CCS: What is your favorite book?
Mrs. V: I like them all but if I had to choose it would be The Secret Garden.
That sums up our report on Mrs. Vall, one of the newest teachers to PPMS.

**Doctor Love Answers Your ????'s**

DEAR DR. LOVE:
I have a problem. I'm very dedicated to my boyfriend but he's a player. Should I break up with him?
What to do
DEAR WHAT,
I think you should break up with him because it's not a fair relationship if you're dedicated and he's not. Don't waste your time.
DEAR DR. LOVE:
I really like this boy and I'm not sure if he likes me. Should I ask him out?
???
DEAR ???,
I say go for it. Ya never know. And if he says no, don't wallow in pain; just try to forget and move on.
**WRITE DR. LOVE** c/o room 203 or bring the letters to the office for Mrs. Swanson's mailbox. Watch next month for replies.

**HALLOWEEN** by kasey sylvester

I like Halloween
spooky ghosts
black cats
colorful leaves
a haunted house
a full moon
Any kind of Halloween.
I like Halloween.
a Halloween costume
a Halloween jack-o-lantern
a Halloween party
a Halloween night

I like Halloween.
neat-shaped pumpkins
wicked witches
walking zombies
old graveyards
delicious treats
I like Halloween.

**8th Grade Lady Redskins**

The 8th grade A team inc;ludes the following girls: Breanne La Grande, Renee VEsey, Ashley Babin, Ellen Tapper, Kellie Nugteren, Ashley Herron, Taylor Largent, CeGee Heldt, Shanna Grubaugh, Katie Anderson, Jennifer Wallace, and Jessica Olman. B team is Ashley Alexander, Monika Barker, Lindsey Boulter, Heather Anderson, Lori Ferrari, Missy Frownfelter, Pam Henderson, SAm Millek, Casey Martin, Sarah VanStelle, Loressa OSbon, Jamie Merwin and Courtnie Johnson.:

**QUIZ: IS HOMEWORK Your LAST PRIORITY?** by e. tapper/m. barker

1. You have a big test tomorrow. You...
a.) Sit down in peace an quiet right when you get home from school to study all night
b.) Forget about studying. You desperately need new clothes from the mall.
c.) Go to your best bud's house but bring your book and class notes to study while talking about your major crush.
2. Your math teacher announces you have a pop quiz today. You...
a.) Freak out even though you did your homework and did extra notes.
b.) Are too busy thinking about your crush to even hear your teacher.
c.) Grab your math book and do a quick review.
3. You have a language arts story due next month. You...
a.) Go home and stay up all night to finish it to perfection.
b.) Wait until the night before it's due so mom will help.
c.) Do little parts at a time until it's done.
4. You were absent the day they finished their sewing project in Mrs. Kalisiak's So you...
a.) Finish then realize that you sued the wrong color thread ( even though she said it was ok) and you start all over.
b.)Forget about it in your locker.
c.) Touch it up with decorations so you don't even notice the thread.
5. Your idea of history notes are...
a.) the whole book front to back.
b.) re-reading a week-old note from your best friend.
c.) important dates. places and people.

**HOW'D YOU DO?**

Count the A's. B's and C's .
Mostly A's? Computer Nerd.

Studying is good but too much of it causes your brain to fry. Don't just sit down with a snack after school and study til you fall asleep. Get out and get some fresh air. Have some fun. Then get back to studying. Remember a social life is important too.

wiggly rhino.) I would get my scrub brush and scrub... the dirt won't come off easily. I put in some real elbow grease.

I 'd rinse him off. He'd look pretty good but not shiny enough. I might have to go back to the house and bring out the car wax.

I would use the wax on- wax off method as recommended in the movie Kung Fu. Then I would take my buffing cloth and bluff him out. Man would he shine! Like new pots and pans and a new automobile.

I would take him back to the zoo where I would have borrowed him. They would note what a good job I did. (It'd better be good; it would take me three hours) . The zookeeper would take him back to the pen where I just know all his other rhino friends would be jealous of his new look. The clean rhino may feel he doesn't fit in...so what he'll probably do is...

Find the big ol dirty mudpuddle and jump in. All those hours of work... and gone in three seconds. What a dumb rhino. Next time I feel like washing something, I'll just wash a car. At least it won't go jump in the mudpuddle right away.

**TEN WAYS TO USE THE SCHOOL'S NACHOS BESIDES EATING THEM** by casey, cegee and sam

1. Use them as hockey pucks.
2. Give them to your friends.
3. Throw them at whoever
4. Hang them on your wall.
5. Feed them to your dog.
6. Glue them to your eyes.
7. Use them as frisbees.
8. Use them as cup coasters.
9. Make cup lids out of them.
10. Trim the Christmas tree with them

**THE DREADED MONDAY CURSE** by s. vincent

One day Jeremy PArker was just waking up when he heard a crash and a scream from downstairs. He got out of bed and went to see what it was. Luckily it was only his mother who had dropped some dishes. When he got to school, his math teacher suddenly became ill, his art teacher cut herself with scissors and the principal had a heart attack.

During the day two kids got hit in the face by lockers and three girls got hit with footballs. By the end of school a total of forty students and five teachers plus the principal had gone hom or gotten injured.

When he got home, he was locked out of the house so he sat and did his homework. Two hours later his mother came home and he went inside.

Inside, the fan almost fell on him, he tripped going up the stairs, pinched his fingers in the door and lay on his bed and broke it.

Jeremy was really confused. He just couldn't understand what was happening. He took out his calendar to see what day it was. Then he realized why everything

Mostly B's? Slacker

Yeah, so maybe middle school is supposed to be fun but you're also supposed to learn something, believe it or not. You don't want to grow up to be a abum or work at McDonald's or live on the streets. So get your act together, you slacker. Take our advice and
study.

Mostly C's Level-headed

All right! You're on the right track. You're level-headed and know when to study and when toi have some fun also. Keep it up. In high school, you might have to spend a little more time on study but don't completely forget the having fun part.

**HALLOWEEN NIGHT** by kelly sylvester

Spooky and scarey
Vampires and bats,
Candy and sweets,
Ghosts and graves,
Jack-o-lanterns glow
On Halloween night.

**PPMS PEP SQUAD** by m. knoll

The thought of a having a pep squad for the Paw Paw Middle School was so that our team players would have some enthusiasm and a crowd that will encourage team playing.

The idea is for 7th and 8th grade girls to help produce more team spirit. The pep squad will be doing home football games and basketball games for the 7th and 8th grade boys teams.

Instead of having cheerers standing in front of the crowd, they will be seated in the crowd cheering. There will not be a definite uniform not but they are advised to wear jeans and a red or white shirt.

At this date only a few have joined but we are hoping that more will join. We know that a lot of the girls are in basketball and cannot attend two home games since their games are on the same night. But once basketball is over for the girls we are hoping for a major turnout to cheer on our guys.

. There is a sign up sheet in the office and there will be posters around the school for participation.

**WASHING A RHINO.. HOW TO'S** by dz

I'm not really sure since I never have owned on as a pet but I guess it would get pretty dirty rolling in all of those mud puddles. First I would go find me a dirty
rhino. ( remember I don't own one)

Then I would put on my wet suit. I really don't want to get that wet. Nest I would get a really big scrub brush with some very powerful wash soap. I would choose DAWN because it gets grease and dirt out of your way.

This is one dirty rhino so I dump in the entire bottle. I get him all wet. ( I also give him a treat so he would be good. You don't want a

bad had been happening. It was that most dreaded day of the week- Monday.

**TOP TEN REASONS 8th GRADERS RULE.** by nate, evan and eric
10. We have more experience
9. We're better at sports.
8. We don't get as much homework.
7. We're in style.
6. We're bigger and stronger.
5. We've got better hair.
4. We're just cooler.
3. We know where you live.
2. We wrote this list.
1. Because we said so..

**TOP TEN SCARIEST HALLOWEEN COSTUMES** by eric and evan
10. Bill Clinton
9. Newt Gingerich
8. Hillary Clinton
7. The Jolly GReen Giant
6. California Raisin
5. Someone from a swimsuitless beach party.
4. G.I. Jane
3. Marv Albert
2. Mr. Bean
1. Anyone in drag

**NEWSTAFF FOR THIS ISSUE**
6th and 7th graders: Allyson Newlin, Sean Salefske, Matt Zinkil, Danielle Small, Jodie Rousch, Adam Anderer, Stacie Wood, Merry Roberts, Isaac Ruthruff, Mike Murray, Ramsey Beyer, Matt Billheimer, Josh Brown, Julie Baltmanis, Katie SWigart, Katie Tapper. 8th graders: CeGee Heldt, Nate Offord, Andy Goldberg, Sam Millek, Casey Martin, John Hopson, Lindsey Boulter, Katie Eldred, Ashley Herron, Kellie Nugteren, Rich Rennhack, Matt Bass, Casey McKenzie, Evan Jordan, Nate Krefman, Tom Kolenko, Ellen Tapper, Monika Barker, Heather Anderson, Justin Grimm, Ted Crook, JEssica Krefman, Tom Henley AShley Alexander, Lori Ferrari, Kim Barnes, Theresa Giacolone, Nate Carr, Renee Vesey, Jessica Olman, Cory Aldrich, Monika Barker.
OUR next meetings are Nov. 19. 26 and Dec. 3. lst and 6th hours.

**GERMAN CLASS** Begins... lst hour

Eighth graders who have DS or who have Ms. Gronda's or Mrs. Baltmanis' okay are meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays first hour for German class with Mrs. Swanson.

The class is offered twice a week for the second year in a row and this year has over thirty members... up from the twenty of last year. The class uses a text Exploring German and a lot of videos as well to learn introductory German.

The class includes Crystal Dyer, Monika Barker, Shannon Ruhf, Jason Abbott, James Jewell, Nate Williams, Casey McKenzie, Justin Munn, Shalana Roden, Sara Butler, Mary Oberlies, Taylor Largent, Justin Grimm, Rachel Sypult, Hannah Rice, Heather Galbraith, Megan Krafft, Theresa Giacolone, Nicole Twardowski,

Christina Burke, Melissa Whisler, Lisa Whipple, Pam Henderson, Christy Schuiteboer, Lindsay Dalga, Kim Barnes, Katie Henley, MAtt Bailley, Candi Cole, Diana Garcia, and David Spencer..

**WILL THIS FOOD KILL YOU?** by t.frego

I know you may think school food is bad. Some people think it's good. I've talked with some of these people who would like to remain anonymous. Some have said that they liked all the food, some said they only like the nachos or tacos. Now, give me a break. Like is someone going to eat just one or two types of the lunches and say they like hot lunch? We're here to prove this food they call hot lunch is terrible. We're here live with Drew Zolp, a professor at Harvard, studying the effects of eating Paw Paw School's hot lunch.

Tony: How are you doing, Drew?
Drew: Fine thank you.
Tony: Now Drew, what are some of the effects of eating Paw Paw School's hot lunch?
Drew: Well, Tony, one of the major effects is obesity from the grease and the fat in the foods. Another is that the food is unsafe since it is mixed with the nuclear waste used to power the school.
T: Now, Drew, is it true that the hamburgers , aka ratburgers, are actually made of rat meat?
D: Well, studies have shown that these hamburgers are not made of rat meat, but the animal source is a close relative to a rat.
T: So Drew, what are some of the other things found in the school's food?
D: There are hooves of pigs, snouts of horse, chunks of aarvark.
Tony: If you are on the brink of starvation what would you recommend to eat?
Drew: I have to be frank with you. I wouldn't eat any of it. Not one single bite.
T: Not one?
D: Not one crumb.
T: Drew, what would you do if someone accidentally threw some of the Hot lunch into your mouth?
D: I"d recommend if it were a small piece that you wash your mouth out with soap and water. If it was a large dose, I would consult a doctor.
T: Drew, is it true that the rareness of the meat depends on how much grease is added?
D: ACtually, Tony, this is true. The more grease you add the less rare it is.
T: One last question, Drew.
D. : Shoot.
T.: What would you say to the people who eat hot lunch?
D.: You people are crazy! You should know eating some hot lunch causes cancer and baldness.
T:Thanks for being here on Dateline. Next week, "Why girls won't date some boys?" Also "Why kids have to read out of their grammar books and the effects of grammar homework... Contact our

website:www.Im not tobright If Im actually watching.

**SURVEY SAYS**.....Our opinions this month.....
What will you dress up as for Halloween? Matt McDaid is going as a "bum or a girl." Ms.. Cowin will go as "an old lady>"( no comment.) Tony Gullotti will go as a "clown."

Fred Siegl will dress as "Marilyn Manson." Casey Martin will go "as myself. That's scarey enough," Daniel Keister will go as " a dead person." Shalana Roden will also go as "Marilyn Manson" or "Sting." Joel Yonkman will go as "the flannel man."

Nate Offord will go as " a girl." Shawn Vincent will be "Al Gore." Austin Talbot will be Bill Clinton. Brandi Figg will be a "dead basketball player."

Daniel Velez will "go as my self,. original, ahh?"just as Neal Conway will go as "Neal Conway." On the other hand, Jeremy Cole will go as a "dead soldier."
Should be pretty strange out there tonight...

**HALLOWEEN PLANS?**
Wendy Fetterley will "party." Lindsey Dalga said," Go trick or treating... duh." Casey McKenzie will " help at the house on LaGrave Street." Rich Rennhack and Ryan Vyverman will "bag snatch..."( watch for them)

Billy Jack will "go to the haunted house." Tony Rife will stay home and eat candy as will Matt Zinkil and Nate Schmucker.

Christine Cashen will have two friends stay over. James Jewell and Tom Henley are planning to t.p. ( and not trick or treat?)
**HAVE A SAFE NIGHT, PEOPLE!**

**NO ONE KNOWS WHY WE'RE EVEN ASKING**... again... But who or what is Goofy?

Most of us think he's a dog although cow got a vote or two. There, are you all happy?

**HOW MANY OF YOU PLAY "MAGIC"?** Mary Oberlies, Tony Gullotti, Beth Simpson, Nate Krefman, Kim Van Sickle, Mike o'Keefe, Jamie Merwin, Tom Henley, Shawn Vincent, Jeremy Cole, Neal Conway, Tony Rife, Melissa Whisler, Chris Phillips, Amy Coulson, Derek Danca, Emiliano Garcia, Cory Wallace, Becky Roe, Andy Goldberg, Evan Jordan, Mike Lind, Megan Krafft, Ted Crook, and Amanda Horrocks and numbers of others. Most of those who responded don't play... Fred Siegl did mention he'd like to learn.
Perhaps for our next issue. one of you would explain to us what the card game is like.

**WHAT WAS YOUR MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT?**

Zack Tucker dressed as a hobo and forgot to wear a belt so his baggy trousers fell down. Nate Carr jumped off a diving board and lost his swim trunks....

Mary Oberlies recalls "having to go through the garbage here at school for something I lost." Jim Whitmer remembers trying to go home when it was only sixth hour..

Sarah Zygadlo recalls Brandie "putting a 'kick me' sign on my back." FRances Clare recalls " I was at the mall with my friend. We were in the food court when her little brother took my seat as I was sitting down and I fell on my butt. My bag hit some lady in the head."

Beth Simpson recalls "When I stumbled on a line for a solo with an auditorium full of people." JEnnifer Pakerski remembers" when I spilled a glow stick on me and glowed for two days after."

Kim Barnes remembers" falling off the bus." Eric PAsman says I don't know what you're talking about. You can't prove anything." Tracey McEwen remembers " my most embarrassing moment was throwing up on a ride when a couple of really fine guys were sitting right across from me."

Theresa McKay said, "When I got the bathroom door opened on me in front of the whole class." Phil Weaver found it embarrassing to be " little ( the whole time.)

Maria Coles remembers "Falling in the mud in a parade in fourth grade." Katie Tapper was embarrassed when she went to a haunted house and she cried when the were wolf took her to his coffin." Sarah VanStelle says she has many embarrassing moments but she remembered diving into a pool with a two piece suit and losing the top." HOPE THIS YEAR HAS NO EMARRASSING MOMENTS FOR YOU.

**COSTUMES** by sabrina barker

Candy
Overflowing with junk
Scarey, spooky. sinister
Tricks or Treats
Ugly witches
Masked goblins
Evil ghosts
Spiders!

**NEXT TIME IN THE GOOD TIMES...**

send us any articles you think you'd like printed... write them yourself.

send us your original cartoons, black ink on plain white paper... We love a good cartoon....

Read interviews with the three other new-to- PPMS teachers: Mrs. C., Mr. Stimac and Mr. Crook... and the new to you here library aide Mrs. Zirkle.

You can even send us your letters to Santa... why not? It's as good a place to send them as the North Pole...

WILLIAMS GIRLS SWEEP 2.5 K RUN by j.baltmanis

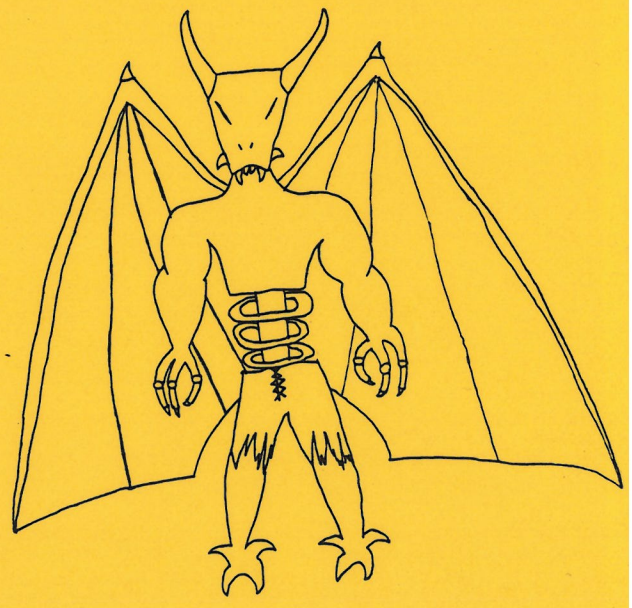
Mary and Kathy Williams placed first and second place in the girls' division of this year's 2.5.k run. Mary, a sixth grader, had a time of 12:37, placing first in the girls' division, and fourth place over all. Her time put s her on the list of the fifteen best times ever, tied for fourteenth place.

Her sister Kathy, a seventh grader, took second place in the girls' division race. She had a time of 13.59, taking seventh place over all. She placed first in the girls' division last year.

Shawn Vincent took first place in the boys' division. He had a time of 10:22, followed closely by Clay Stull. Clay's time was 10:23, putting him in second place. Both placed first and second over all. Shawn is in seventh place for the best times ever and Clay is eighth.

Other competitors in the boys' division were Aaron Avery, Eric Pasman, Nathan Medema, Andy Coy, and Nick Hannum. Aaron's time put him in third place in the boy's division. Kate Arnold, Mary Beth Fuhrmann, Jackie Beaudoin and Amanda Houghton were the other participants in the girls' division.

Congratulations to the winners and all the participants. HAVE A FRIEND WHO WOULD LIKE TO SUBSCRIBE ? TELL THEM TO SEE MRS.SWANSON in ROOM 203 ....The next issue comes out the week before Christmas vacation and since they will have missed one issue ( and one treat) , the subscription rate is $2.00 ... BETTER YET, BUY YOUR FRIEND A SUBSCRIPTION FOR CHRISTMAS! THEN THEY WON'T NEED TO BORROW YOURS.



Obsessions: Pam Henderson's is elephants! Mrs. Swanson's is Garfield! What's Evan Jordan's? Mr. Cowin's? - Dec. issue —

Brian Reidenbach